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(PATENT)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**In re Patent Application of:**  
Jean-Marie Blanchard**OFFICIAL****Application No.: 10/003,248****Art Unit: 3679****Filed: December 6, 2001****Examiner: E. Garcia****For: ASSEMBLY SYSTEM BASED ON A BALL  
ANCHORING DEVICE**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 5, 12, 13 and 16, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.**